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AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE OF THE NVJ 316TH DIVISION REVEALED ON 5 MARCH THAT THE 2D COMPANY OF THE DIVISION'S 14TH AAA BATTALION WAS TO DROP OFF TWO MACHINEGUNS AND 51,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR EACH GUN IN THE AREA OF NAM CO (PROBABLY BAN NAM KO, UG 118416, 19-21N 103-12E) AND PHOU VAI (UNLOCATED). EARLIER, ON 4 MARCH A 1ST COMPANY, POSSIBLY OF THE 14TH AAA BATTALION, REPORTEDLY ARRIVED AT THE BASE OF HIGH POINT (HP) 1662 (TG 862187, 19-09N 102-57E). ON 5 MARCH AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE (E2683) OF THE NVA 312TH DIVISION REPORTED HEAVY BOMBING BY T-28 AND F4 AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA OF LONG CHENG. AREAS REPORTEDLY HIT BY THE AIRCRAFT WERE, HP 1664 (TG 817198, 19-09N 102-55E), HP 1589 (TG 8320, 19-09N 102-55E), HP 1737 (TG 845194, 19-09N 102-57E), HP 1468 (TG 794229, 19-10N 102-58E) AND 1 KM EAST OF HP 1498 (TG 8223, 19-10N 102-55E). THE REPORT FURTHER STATED THAT SUPPLIES WERE DROPPED AT HP 1300 (TG 7920, 19-09N 102-54E) AND BAN KHAN (UNLOCATED) AND THAT SUPPLIES AND TROOPS WERE TRANSPORTED TO HP 1498. (2/G1/LSY/T174-72, 060800Z; 24/LSY/T196-72, 050541Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. SOUTHERN LAOS IN THE DONG HENE AREA OF SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE; ON 5 MARCH UNSPECIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST INFANTRY BATTALION- NVA FRONT R, ASSESSED PRO-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY AT BAN PHON THAT (WD 1448, 16-43N 105-08E). ANOTHER PRO-GOVERNMENT BATTALION ELEMENT WAS LOCATED POSSIBLY AT WD 2943 (16-40N 105-16E). ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 8. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES ACTIVITY THUS FAR IN MARCH, NO SOUTHWARD-MOVING GROUPS HAVE BEEN REPORTED; TWO WESTWARD-MOVING GROUPS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ LAOS A CHANGE IN DIRECTION FOR PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED GROUPS 1018 WAS REPORTED ON 4 MARCH. BINH TRAM (BT) 35 (HQ LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XC 953283, 15-37N 106-49E) NOTED THAT GROUP 1018, FORMERLY SCHEDULED TO GO TO B1, WAS NOW TO BE SENT TO B3. GROUP 1018 WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON 6 FEBRUARY IN THE COMMO-LIAISON STATION 9 (XD 2195, 17-08N 106-08E) AREA WITH 424 PERSONS. TWO REPORTS EMANATING FROM THE BT 12 AREA (HQ LOCATED AT WE 970522, 17-39N 105-55E) ON 2 MARCH CONTAINED REFERENCES TO \$ENEMY\$ ACTIVITY AND DECOY POSITIONS. ONE REPORT NOTED THAT THE \$ENEMY\$ WOULD CONDUCT STRIKES AT STORAGE AREA POSITIONS AND ON VEHICLE FORMATIONS. REFERENCES TO DECOY POSITIONS ALONG ROUTE 12A WERE ALSO MADE. FURTHER INDICATIONS OF THE GENERAL TRANSPORTATION OFFENSIVE WERE NOTED IN REAR SERVICES REPORTS OF 2 AND 3 MARCH. THE 593D AAA REGIMENT EXHORTED THE 92D AND 22D AAA BATTALIONS TO OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES OF \$ENEMY\$ STRIKES IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE GENERAL (TRANSPORTATION) OFFENSIVE. IN ADDITION, BT 12 COMMENDED THE 770TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION AND THE 2D ENGINEER BATTALION FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE OFFENSIVE. UNIDENTIFIED ENTITIES IN POSSIBLY THE BT 34 (HQ

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LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XC 625768, 16-04N 106-31E) AREA DISCLOSED ON 5 MARCH
THAT A COMMUNIQUE FROM DIVISION\$ REPORTED THAT THE 14TH BATTALION HAD SHOT
DOWN AN F4 AND \$CAPTURED THE PILOT ALIVE.\$ NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE.
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